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JOSEPHINE COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

Court Asks For Bids For Building an Annex to the Court House.

Court met Wednesday, January 9, 1907, there being present: Stephen W. Hall, judge; J. T. Logan, commissioner; M. A. Wertz, commissioner; S. F. Cheshire, clerk; W. J. Hall, sheriff.

In the matter of the appointment of a board of road viewers for 1907, it is ordered that C. F. Lovelace and V. Stephenson be and are appointed with the country surveyor to constitute said board for the year 1907.

License to sell liquor in the town of Grants Pass for a period of six months was granted to Gilmore & Keffer.

Field notes of resurvey and report of county surveyor on survey of road from south end of R. R. to southeast corner of G. G. Smith's land, accepted and approved the same ordered to be placed on the proper records.

Petition of H. C. Kinney, et al for a road in NE 1/4 section 13, township 36 south, range 5 west, heard upon reading of road viewers report the matter continued for the term.

That part of Road district No. 8 in township 36 south, range 5 west, annexed to and made a part of district No. 9.

Refund of amount paid by Rhea on tax sale of NE 1/4 section 25, township 36 south, range 5 west in the sum of \$10.50.

Proposition of Mr. Homer to import machinery and perform labor upon all portions of the county roads was orally considered.

In the matter of the petition of W. Hale for refund of amounts paid on sales of the Bingham Estate, petition allowed and clerk ordered to draw county warrant in favor of W. C. Hale in the amount of \$10.50.

Time for filing sheriff's report on taxes collected and amounts delinquent on 1905 roll is hereby extended to the next session of this court.

In the matter of the bids for physical to the county paupers, bids accepted and contract awarded to Dr. B. E. Lemon.

County tax roll for year 1906 approved, clerk ordered to issue warrant collection of tax thereon.

Taxes collected for year 1906 on road dist. No. 5 is hereby returned to the county surveyor.

Supervisor of road dist. No. 1, list of 200 names for 1907, and list ordered filed by clerk.

Petition of R. E. Reed for liquor license in the town of Leland granted for a period of 12 months.

Petition of W. F. Grimmett et al for road from Caldwell ford to Grants Pass is hereby continued.

Account of petition and affidavit of incomplete.

In the matter of the petition of P. L. Burrows for County roads in township 37 south, range 5 west, view ordered. Viewers to report at next term of court.

Petition of George Strong for liquor license in town of Leland, presented the same granted for a period of 12 months.

In the matter of building an annex to the Court House, painting and other improvements the said matter hereby referred to the County Engineer, Sheriff, Clerk, Assessor and

School Superintendent and the above named parties are hereby appointed to ascertain the necessary improvements, secure plans and specifications and advertise for bids on some and report at the next term of the court.

Petition of W. A. Massie for Ferry license considered and allowed. License to issue when bond is filed.

It appearing to the court that during the month of February, 1907, one of the insurance policies amounting to \$1000 covering the Court house building will expire therefore it is ordered that upon the expiration of said policy the county clerk is hereby authorized and directed to renew said policy, with an additional insurance covering furniture, records and fixtures, in the sum of \$1000.

The following levy is hereby made for 1906 tax:

County tax, General purposes 5 1/2 mills.

State tax, 2 mills.

School purposes (including school library) 4 mills.

Road tax, 3 mills.

Public High School, 1/2 mill.

Total 14 mills.

Road dist. No. 5 abandoned and all territory now embraced in said district No. 5 annexed and made a part of dist. No. 7.

All that part of Road district No. 18 lying east of the west line of township 39 south, range 7 west, and north of Sucker Creek annexed to and made a part of Road district No. 15.

Appointment of Road Supervisors:

Dist. No. 1. A. Morris.

Dist. No. 2. Geo. Gebbers.

Dist. No. 3.

Dist. No. 4. Henry Gross.

Dist. No. 5. H. L. Lewis.

Dist. No. 6. Wm. Light.

Dist. No. 7.

Dist. No. 8. Joseph Hill.

Dist. No. 9. C. F. Gentner.

Dist. No. 10. Geo. Sparlin.

Dist. No. 11.

Dist. No. 12. T. G. Burrows.

Dist. No. 13. J. G. Hiatt.

Dist. No. 14. W. A. Leonard.

Dist. No. 15. D. S. Shaffer.

Dist. No. 16.

Dist. No. 17.

Bills paid:

J. R. Yetter, care county hospital 178 83

John Hackett, lumber for roads 8 88

W. H. Wimer, work on roads 10 00

O. R. Swearingin, 1 day viewing roads 4 00

Wilson Mer Co, mdse for roads 2 40

H. H. Gibbs, sup dist No. 15 35 00

James Stewart, work on roads 6 60

James Holman, justice fees, State vs Woolfson 4 55

OUR GOLD FIELDS ATTRACTING ATTENTION

Briggs Mine and Others Merged in Two Million Dollar Company.

The famous Wounded Buck, in Josephine and the Forest Creek, Blossom and No Name mines of Jackson county have all been merged under a new \$2,000,000 company, says the Ashland Tidings.

G. R. Harris of Cincinnati and New York has been here with E. T. Staples for several days completing the purchase of several rich mining properties for operation by the Harms Mining Company, recently organized for that purpose. No more important transaction has occurred in this part of the state for a great while.

The properties taken over by Mr. Harms and his associates are the famous Wounded Buck group discovered by the boy Roy Briggs, in June, 1904, the croppings of which were so rich in gold as to excite the whole coast. E. T. Staples of Ashland bought this property in July, 1904, and continuous, careful development has been going on ever since under his management until now it has in sight 700,000 tons of \$20 ore.

The Forest Creek mine near Jacksonville is an old discovery but has never been worked to depth until recently.

Several years ago a few tons here and there from cuts, short tunnels and shafts were hauled to an old custom mill and from \$60 to \$100 in gold per ton recovered. The miners were of the "pocket hunter" kind and did not believe this vein would pay to follow with depth and they only worked the three outcropping chimneys so long as oxidized ore showed free gold.

In 1905 Messrs Jos. Griffin, Geo. Hoff and R. L. Bordin purchased the property and began development with the result that a tunnel on the vein at a lower level than had ever been worked, struck a pay shoot of very rich ore. In driving the tunnel the ore taken out before the pay shoot was reached was hauled to an old rattle-trap mill and \$23 per ton recovered from the plates.

About this time Mr. Staples brought Mr. Harms' attention to this mine and also the Blossom and No Name near Gold Hill also owned by the same men, and an option was given Mr. Harms, who at once began aggressive development on all three properties with result that within the space of six months a rich pay shoot was struck in each of the three mines.

It is certain that this new company which has taken over these mines will push development and operation. The personnel of the company is remarkably strong. Millionaires of prominence in New York and Nevada are at the helm.

The directors are as follows: G. R. Harms, president and general manager, a capitalist of Cincinnati, O.; G. R. Bauman, treasurer of the company, vice-president Commercial Trust Co., New York; Hollis E. Cooley, president Greenroom Club New York; H. W. Buckhardt, Cincinnati, O., principal oil dealer outside of Standard Oil Co.; E. N. Wilson, secretary of company, auditor of Gilsey House, New York.

Among the prominent capitalists who have become interested in the new company, are Mr. Siegel, of Siegel, Cooper & Co., W. G. Green, of the Green Consolidated, and others of commanding position.

The superintendent of the properties and their development is E. T. Staples of Ashland.

Quartz blanks at the Courier office.

THE STORY OF MELBA'S SON'S LIFE

George Armstrong Longs No More For His Klamath County Cabin.

A Chicago dispatch says: "George Armstrong, son of Mme. Melba, whose recent marriage to the heiress, Ruth Otway, in London was attended by Dukes, Marquises and Barons was until three years ago a lonely shepherd on his father's ranch near Klamath Falls, Or. He was living in a rude cabin with his father and was tolerably well satisfied with his lot in life. He had not seen his mother since she deserted when he was a little child in Australia but had been cared for and educated through childhood and youth by his father.

"This is only a part of the pathetic story. Mme. Melba in her professional career, has shown no disposition to look after her husband and son. Three years ago after the boy had passed his 23d birthday Mr. Armstrong received a letter from his wife asking him to send their son to San Francisco, where she would meet him on a certain date. She said that the father had enjoyed his companionship for 23 years, and now it was the mother's turn. The father and son agreed that it was just and proper that the boy should accept his mother's invitation, and at least make her acquaintance. If, after a fair trial, he found he did not enjoy the life she lived, he would return to his father's cabin, where, until then, he had been perfectly content.

"The boy met his mother, and the score of years of separation was bridged by a burst of maternal passion and filial affection which arose Phoenix-like from the ashes, of the diva's life, and he again became the child of the incomparable songstress.

"Young Armstrong writes regularly to his father, but has lost forever all interest in the life offered by the Klamath Falls ranch."

APPORTIONMENT OF THE STATE TAXES

Josephine County Will Pay \$9,225 For State Government in 1907.

The total estimated expense of the state of Oregon for the year 1907 is \$1,435,563.55, of which sum \$1,000,000 will be paid by the counties. The estimated expense of the state treasury for the year 1907 is \$435,563.55. The following shows the per cent of state taxes apportioned to each county and the total sum each county will be called on to pay in to the state treasury:

Baker	234	\$ 23,985.00
Benton	9202	20,705.00
Clackamas	9355	34,337.50
Clatsop	9212	21,730.00
Columbia	9196	10,865.00
Coos	9203	20,807.50
Crook	9130	13,325.00
Curry	9040	4,100.00
Douglas	9345	35,362.50
Gilliam	9087	8,917.50
Grant	9092	9,430.00
Hartney	9180	16,400.00
Jackson	9314	32,185.00
Josephine	9090	9,225.00
Klamath	9115	11,787.50
Lake	9107	10,967.50
Lane	9482	47,355.00
Lincoln	9055	5,637.50
Linn	9525	53,915.00
Malheur	9094	9,635.00
Marion	9913	62,832.50
Morrow	9095	9,737.50
Multnomah	8123	320,107.50
Polk	9307	31,467.50
Sherman	9087	8,917.50
Tillamook	9087	8,917.50
Umatilla	9490	50,225.00
Union	9223	22,857.50
Wallowa	9073	7,482.50
Wasco	9234	23,985.00
Washington	9301	30,852.50
Wheeler	9067	6,967.50
Yamhill	9391	40,077.50
Totals	1,000	\$1,025,000.00

Cures Old Sores

Westmoreland, Kans., May 5, 1902. "Ballard Snow Liniment Cured an old sore on the side of my chin that was supposed to be a cancer. The sore was stubborn and would not yield to treatment until I tried Snow Liniment, which did the work in short order. My sister, Mrs. Sophia J. Carson, Allensville, Minn. Co., Pa., has a sore and mistrusts that it is a cancer. Please send her a 50c bottle." For sale by National Drug Co. and Rotermand.

ADDITIONS TO OREGON'S WEALTH

The Bureau of Labor Gives Some Interesting Statistics Concerning the Wealth.

The report of the bureau of labor statistics accredits Oregon with the following additions to the nation's wealth:

The sales of nursery stock for the year just closed amounts to 3,000,000 trees and 1,000,000 vines and bushes. There are about 1100 acres of nursery stock. The estimated value of the orchard product in Oregon for 1906 is \$1,008,000. There are about 900 acres in blackberry and dewberry vines, 210 acres in currants, 265 acres in gooseberries, 3117 acres in raspberries and Logan berries, and of other fruits 350 acres. The estimated number of apple, apricot, cherry, plum and peach trees in the state is 6,510,000.

Oregon produces about 7,100,000 bushels of oats from 282,000 acres of land, an average yield of 25 bushels per acre.

The rye grown in Oregon is of the best quality. The estimated yield for 1906 has been given this office as 148,000 bushels from 11,000 acres of land. Average yields per acre, 13 bushels.

One who deals extensively in potatoes places the acreage for 1905 at 44,848 acres, with a yield of 4,458,680 bushels, the price of which varies from 36 to 70 cents a bushel.

It is estimated that Oregon hens produced 15,000,000 dozen eggs this year, worth on an average of 20 cents per dozen, or \$3,000,000. The estimated number of geese, turkeys and chickens in the state is 2,600,000.

Oregon this year ranks fifth in the wool producing states, and the estimated output is between 19,000,000 and 20,000,000 pounds. The price to the grower will average 19 cents per pound.

On April 1, 1904, Oregon had 2,000,000 head of sheep, with an average weight of fleeces of seven and one-fourth pounds, or a total of 14,500,000 pounds of wool, washed and unwashed, or 4,455,000 pounds of scoured wool, while in 1906 the estimate of the Oregon wool output is 19,000,000 or 20,000,000 pounds. The average price paid for wool to the growers is 19 cents per pound, although prices varies from 11 1/2 cents for coarse sandy clips to 23 1/2 cents for first quality. There were 2,533,353 sheep in the state at shearing time.

Grain dealers estimate that Oregon has about 600,000 acres in wheat, which will produce 24,000,000 bushels, of which 12,000,000 bushels will be exported out of the state. The average yield per acre is 40 bushels. The average value per bushel of wheat in Oregon is placed at \$1.30.

The Classified Ad columns of the Courier contain many items which will be of interest to you and you should make it a point to read them each week.

Job work at Portland prices at the Courier office.

FRED MARTIN DOES MURDER, THEN SUICIDES

Former Ashland Boy Kills Sister-in-Law, Shoots Wife, and Kills Himself.

A startling tragedy, as a result of which two former well known Jackson county young people, Fred Martin and his sister-in-law, Miss Emma Helms, are dead, and Mrs. Martin, whose maiden name was Anna Helms, was slightly wounded, was enacted at Portland, Sunday afternoon, with Martin wielding the weapon of destruction in each instance, a revolver, with which he first shot and killed the sister-in-law, shot and slightly wounded his wife, who is now in a hospital and will likely recover, then shot and killed himself. Friends and relatives at Ashland and Jacksonville, the former home of Martin and the Helms girls respectively, have known for some time that all was not harmonious between them, says the Ashland Tidings. In fact, Martin and his wife who were married some years ago (her first husband who died was a telegraph operator named Dunn) were reported as having separated. Martin for some time past has been living in the vicinity of San Francisco and was employed as steward on a boat. He returned during the holidays to Portland where his wife and her sister conducted a boarding house, near Ella street. Martin's friends say that he attributed the estrangement with his wife to her sister who was the first victim in Sunday's unfortunate tragedy. Mrs. Martin and Miss Emma Helms were members of a well known and respected pioneer family of Jacksonville, being daughters of the late Hermann Helms. Their mother resides at Jacksonville, as do also a brother, Ed Helms, and their sisters, Mrs. James Cronmiller and Miss Amanda Helms.

Fred Martin was raised in Ashland and was about 30 years of age. He was the son of the late L. Martin, for some years a clothing merchant there. He went some eight or 10 years ago to Portland where his mother, now Mrs. J. H. McBride, now resides. He followed several employments after going to Portland. He was for some time with Fred Merrill, the bicycle man, and with a real estate firm in Portland. For some time he ran out of Portland as a news agent on the Harriman line.

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